

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2778

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 5, 1999

Mr. MOAKLEY (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, and Mr. MCGOVERN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Taunton River Wild
5 and Scenic River Study Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

1 (1) the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of
2 Massachusetts possesses important resource values,
3 including wildlife, ecological, and scenic values, and
4 historic sites and a cultural past important to Amer-
5 ica’s heritage;

6 (2) there is strong support among State and
7 local officials, area residents, and river users for a
8 cooperative wild and scenic river study of the area;
9 and

10 (3) there is a longstanding interest among
11 State and local officials, area residents, and river
12 users in undertaking a concerted cooperative effort
13 to manage the river in a productive and meaningful
14 way.

15 **SEC. 3. STUDY AND REPORT.**

16 Section 5(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
17 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing new paragraph:

19 “() The study of the Taunton River, Massachusetts,
20 shall be completed by the Secretary of the Interior and
21 the report thereon submitted to Congress not later than
22 3 years after the date of the enactment of this para-
23 graph.”.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
3 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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